

**IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

A gateway device ~~(106)~~ includes a third block ~~(118)~~ communicating information, and a control unit ~~(113)~~ controlling the third block ~~(118)~~ so as to generate second information representing an operation of an air conditioner ~~(111)~~ and to transmit the second information to the air conditioner ~~(111)~~ based on first information representing control contents of the air conditioner ~~(111)~~ received by the third block ~~(118)~~. Accordingly, an apparatus connected to a network and absent of a high-level circuit can be controlled at high level.